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ZOOM, VROOM BLOOM at RAMONA'S PROPS and RODS in JUNE

Warthogs and Mustangs filled the air, rails and hot rods covered the upper ramp area thrilling 17,000 visitors to the 10th Annual Ramona Air Show at Ramona Airport in June.

While the A-10 Warthog and P-51 Mustang flew overhead in a Freedom Formation, thousands meandered through displays of antique and home built aircraft and marveled at the colorfully unique hot rods.

"We were very happy with the great turnout," said Ramona Airport Manager Richard Selinger. "There seemed to be something for everyone here and I saw a lot of smiles in the crowd."

This was the first year for the show in the shadow of the new control tower. World War II warbirds sat next to modern experimental planes — a reminder of aviation's progress.

Sunday's hot rod show was a major crowd pleaser. Fans surrounded more than 100 classics, customs and "works in



progress" throughout the day "Oohing" and "Aahing" at metal flake paint jobs, tuck and roll seats — and chrome, chrome, chrome. In the afternoon dragsters roared down the runway, racing the Warthog and Mustang as they flew by.

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Lots of Work at Palomar

Huge earth-moving machines scraped soil from one corner of the vacant lot on Owens Avenue in Carlsbad and moved it to the opposite side of the area.

That's the first step in construction of long-awaited parking lots wedged between Palomar Airport and Palomar Airport Road. Three lots will be developed eventually, but the first two, known as lots 30 and 31, are the first to provide temporary long-term auto parking



replacing spaces lost to new hangar construction on the airport. Plans call for an access road to the upper areas when the project is complete.

Copter 2 Calls Fallbrook Home

When the call comes in for a wildfire in the County, Fallbrook Airpark rumbles to life. That's because Copter 2, the newest weapon in the County's firefighting arsenal, is based at that facility.

County Airports installed a \$27,000 helipad to accommodate the single-engine Bell Huey 205 helicopter it's renting from Idaho-based Kachina Aviation. The Board of Supervisors voted to spend \$1.2 million for the lease, and private donations from Sun Road Enterprises and the Scripps Foundation also helped pay for it through January.

A new custom helicopter, to be operated by the Sheriff's Department when it's delivered in about a year, will be stationed at Gillespie Field.

Fallbrook and Gillespie are two of eight County airports operated by DPW's Airports section.



27L Paved and Painted — 27R Next

Flying the approach to runway 27L/9R at Gillespie Field looks a little different these days. Soon, 27R/9L will change as well.

That's because major rehabilitation projects to improve Gillespie are underway.

Work on the \$624,000 27L improvements included repairing, repaving and re-striping the 2,737-foot runway.

Runway 27R will get a \$3-\$4 million facelift that includes major work on drainage systems, lighting, signs, paving and striping.



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Clarifying the Historical Aircraft Exemption

Own an historical aircraft? Confused about the tax exemption process? Here's information you need from the San Diego County Assessor's Office:

Aircraft of historical significance shall be exempt from taxation according to the Revenue & Taxation Code section 220.5.

For purposes of this code section, "aircraft of historical significance" means any aircraft which is an original, restored, or replica of a heavier than air powered aircraft 35 years old or older, or any aircraft of a type or model of which there are fewer than five in number known to exist worldwide.

The exemption shall only apply if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- ***The assessee is an individual owner who does not hold the aircraft primarily for purposes of sale.***
- ***The assessee does not use the aircraft for commercial purposes or general transportation (the aircraft may not be flown for personal use other than to go to and from shows where it is being displayed)***
- ***The aircraft is available for display to the public at least 12 days during the 12-month period immediately preceding the lien date (January 1) for the year for which the exemption is claimed.*** As of January 1, 2004 the law now requires that for each of the 12 displays you attend during the calendar year you must submit a certificate of participation. These certificates will be required beginning with your 2005 Historical Aircraft Exemption application. The certificates would indicate the 12 displays you attended during calendar year 2004.

"Available for display to the public at least 12 days" shall be defined as: displayed or available for display for 12 periods with each period being four or more hours during one twenty-four hour day as described below:

- 1) ***If airworthy*** – at least 6 displays of the 12 require that the aircraft be flown, taxied, or otherwise moved to a location other than the normal storage location for display to an organized group of persons, for an announced display to the general public, or for permanent display at a museum.
- 2) ***If not airworthy and/or being restored*** – all 12 displays must either be as stated in 1) or the aircraft must be displayed in the normal storage location to an organized group of persons or as part of an announced display to the general public, or during posted day-time viewing periods of four or more hours with public accessibility.

To receive the full exemption, applications must be filed by February 15 each year. There is a one-time \$35 fee with the first application. If your application is filed between February 16 and August 1, you will receive an 80% exemption of the full value of your aircraft.

The Assessor's Office has designed a certificate of participation for aircraft owners to use when attending shows. To get a copy of this form or for any questions regarding the Historical Aircraft Exemption please contact the Assessor's Marine & Aviation Section at (858) 505-6200.

Compass Points

Airports Puzzle Pieces Fit Together

The County Airports system is an intricate puzzle. Each aviation facility represents individual pieces of the big picture. Sometimes it may seem that these pieces are scattered, unorganized, and seemingly don't fit.

Despite what may be apparent at any single airport, one must see the entire system to understand that interconnectivity provides strength. Here are a couple of examples of the synergy:

Palomar Airport is engaged in several large-scale projects infringing on tie-down space for small aircraft. Instead of leaving pilots with nowhere to park their aircraft, Airports has established additional tie-downs at Fallbrook, Gillespie Field and Ramona, compensating for lost tie-down space at Palomar.

Another problem we have addressed and solved through the benefits stemming from an integrated airport system is the lack of hangar space currently available at Gillespie Field and McClellan-Palomar. To counter the current "squeeze" we are proud to announce the development of new hangars at Fallbrook Airpark, Borrego Springs Airport and Gillespie. We hope you will take time to explore these new aviation opportunities made available by the dynamic nature of our County Airports system.

These are only a few pieces of the puzzle that make up the big picture. Other current projects include the implementation of the Gillespie Field Airport Layout Plan, an endeavor calling for development of 70 acres of aviation land on the southeast side of the field. Progress is also being made on the 41-acre development of Site 5, near the intersection of Weld and Cumayaca, promising to provide additional revenue. Reconstruction of 27R and the relocation of navigation aids is a high priority project scheduled to start this fall.

At Palomar, not only have steps been taken in terms of expanding vehicle parking, but County Airports is also in the planning/design stage for new aircraft parking on the north side of the field which follows a stormwater retention project at the same location.

Fallbrook has also been part of the changes. A new helo-pad, and stationing a fire helicopter there, are both recent developments, along with fresh paving and construction of new taxiways. The Fallbrook Master Plan is very close to completion. Expect great things from this unique airpark!

As you can see, County Airports is involved in a multitude of projects that are both time and resource consuming. These projects are interconnected, not only by the pilots who fly from airport to airport, but also by County staff who work on them. The individual pieces may appear jumbled, but please be assured we intend to complete the puzzle as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Safe flying,



Peter Drinkwater,
Airports Director

Calendar

GILLESPIE FIELD (SEE)

Gillespie Field Development Council: Meets third Tuesday of each month. All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held in the El Cajon City Council Chambers, 200 East Main Street, El Cajon. For more information, call (619) 956-4800.

Search, Call, Acknowledge & Notice (SCAN) Training: This safety program for drivers accessing Gillespie Field's aircraft maneuver and operations area is offered by appointment. For more information, call the Tower at (619) 488-1449 or Gillespie Field Manager Noreen Crane at (619) 956-4800.

Civil Air Patrol Squadron 57 Composite Squadron: Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Ketema Aerospace, 790 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon. Info – Captain Tom Charpentier, (619) 818-4011.

Civil Air Patrol Squadron 55 (Cadets): Meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the San Diego Aerospace Museum hangar, 335 Kenney Stree, El Cajon. Info – Major Dave Bowles, (619) 443-5849.

El Cajon Valley Chapter of 99's: This women's flying group meets the first Monday of each month. For information or location and meeting time, call Frankie Clemens at (619) 449-0670.

Commemorative Air Force (CAF): Please inquire at (619) 448-4505 for tour information or for information on becoming a member of the CAF, which is located at 1850 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon.

Aerospace Museum: The San Diego Aerospace Museum hangar at Gillespie Field is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (619) 258-1221 for tour information.

The Wing is the Thing (T.W.I.T.T.): Bimonthly meetings are held the third Sunday of odd-numbered months (January, March, etc.) at 1:30 p.m., Skid Row Hangar A4. For more information, please

leave a message at (619) 224-1497. Web site: <http://members.cox.net/twitt>.

Gillespie Pilots Association: Meets third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m., Gillespie Field Administration Building. For more information, call (619) 807-5178. E-mail: gpa@gillespiepilots.org.

Display your antique or classic airplanes: 1 to 2 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the Gillespie Field Administration Building's Transient Ramp, 1960 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon. The public may view and photograph the aircraft from the patio area on the west side of the Administration Building. For information call (619) 956-4800.

Antique Airplane Association: Meets quarterly on the third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at various locations at Gillespie Field. For information and meeting locations, call Bob Blanchard (858) 536-7719. Web site: www.aaa-atm.org.

Classic & Vintage Aircraft Display: The second Sunday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m., Classic Hangars will be hosting an aircraft display. If you have an aircraft and would like it to be displayed, contact Len Buckel at (619) 449-0539. Classic Hangars is located at Gillespie Field on 305 Kenney Street in El Cajon.

Gillespie Field Eagles is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing aviation training to high school youth. Meets first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m., 1987 North Marshall Avenue, Suite #109. For more information, contact Vincent Ammann at (619) 675-4570. Web site: www.gillespiefieldeagles.com. E-mail: vincent@gillespiefieldeagles.com.

Fourth Saturday of each month, from 11 a.m. to noon: Safari Aviation West hosts an aircraft display at Gillespie Field. To display your plane, bring it to Safari Aviation West at 1905 North Marshall, east end of hangar complex.

MCLELLAN-PALOMAR AIRPORT (CRQ)

Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 286 (North County): Meets first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. in the ARFF hangar at

McClellan-Palomar Airport, 2188 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad. Call Bob Wilson at (760) 489-9031 for more information.

McClellan-Palomar Airport Advisory Committee (PAAC): Meets third Thursday of each month. All meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad. For more information, call (760) 431-4646, x5.

Palomar Chapter of 99's: This women's flying group meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at Mission West Properties, 2006 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad. For more information, contact Robin Gartman at (760) 931-0546.

Palomar Airport Pilot Briefings: Have been discontinued until further notice.

FALLBROOK AIRPARK (L18)

Civil Air Patrol Squadron 87: For seniors and cadets. For more information, please contact Will Gordon at (760) 728-9568.

Coyote Country Chapter of the 99's: Meets the third Tuesday of each month. Time and location varies. For more information, contact Chairwoman Beth Cobb at (760) 723-1940.

Display your antique or classic airplanes: Last Sunday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The displays will be located on the transient ramp. The public is invited to visit and owners of antique aircraft from other airports are welcome to display their aircraft. Contact Willie Vasquez at (760) 723-8395 for information.

JACUMBA AIRPORT (L78)

Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California: These sailplane enthusiasts meet at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Automotive Museum (north door) in Balboa Park. Call (619) 338-1638 for more information.

BORREGO VALLEY AIRPORT (LO8)

Borrego Springs Chapter of 99's: This women's flying group meets the second Saturday of each month, 10:30 a.m., at the Borrego Valley Airport. Call Louise Phillips at (760) 767-4378 for more information.

Display your antique or classic airplanes: 1 to 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Contact Viki Cole for more information at (760) 767-7417.

RAMONA (RNM)

International Aerobatic Club: Meetings held the second Saturday of each month at Chuck Hall Aviation at 10 a.m. For more information, call Club President George Eaton at (619) 755-5042 or Finn Jensen at (760) 789-3047.

Display your antique or classic airplanes: 1 to 2 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month at Chuck Hall Aviation, Cruiseair Aviation and Pacific Executive Aviation. For more information call Chuck Hall Aviation at (619) 789-8178, Cruiseair Aviation at (619) 789-8020 or Pacific Executive Aviation at (619) 789-6384.

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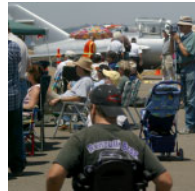
CDF's S-2 simulates firefighting drop during Air Show.



Supervisor Dianne Jacob (right) presents certificate to Carol Fowler (left) of the Ramona Air Show Committee and Chuck Maner from CDF.



Warthog preflight.



Multitude of things to see.



Hot rods on display.



Warthogs, aerobatics—sights for all.

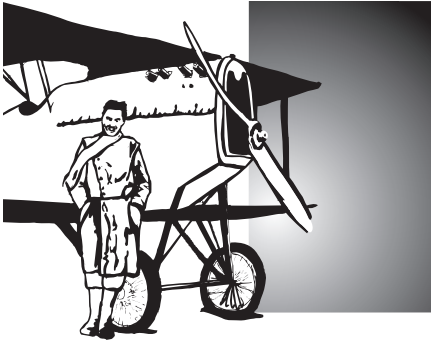


"Oohs" and "Aahs" from the crowd.



by Plane News Staff

Two long-time fixtures at **Gillespie Field** retired this spring—**Noreen Crane**, airport manager, and **Marlene Williams**, secretary. Taking Williams' place is **Reggie Angquico**. A search for a new Gillespie manager is underway... New opportunity to display your airplane: fourth Saturday of each month, from 11 a.m. to noon, **Safari Aviation West** hosts an aircraft display at **Gillespie Field**. To display your plane, bring it to Safari Aviation West at 1905 North Marshall, east end of hangar complex.



September at Gillespie: CAF "Wings & Wheels"

Clocks rolled back at Gillespie Field September 12 when the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) hosted "Wings & Wheels" at the east County airport.

Antique aircraft and automobiles were on display. In addition, CAF's air museum at 1860 Joe Crosson was also open.

For more information on future events, contact Eileen at (619) 448-4505 or Kirt at (619) 322-9454.



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